Remarks/Arguments:

Pending Claims

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 are pending. Claims 7 and 38 have been canceled. The subject matter of claim 38 is now included in claim 1.

Claims 1-6 and 8-11 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cote (US 4,869,778) in view of Srinivasarao et al. (Three-Dimensionally Ordered Array of Air Bubbles in a Polymer Film) and Maleyre (US 2,530,436). Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-6 and 8-11, as amended, are not subject to this rejection for the reason set forth below.

In paragraph 19 of the Office Action the Examiner stated that previously presented claim 38 included allowable subject matter; however the Examiner objected to this claim as dependent on a rejected claim. Claim 1, from which claim 38 depended, has been amended to include the subject matter of claim 38.

Therefore, claim 1, as amended, is not subject to rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cote in view of Srinivasarao et al. and Maleyre. As claims 2-6 and 8-11 depend from claim 1, these claims are not subject to this rejection as well.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections of claims 1-6 and 8-11.



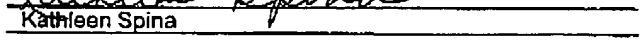
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